From October 2025

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WASHINGTON DC#1

Confession time. When we booked the flight to Washington we told our friends, Penny & Cindy , who live in Colorado, that we were coming to Washington and told them all the areas we were planning to visit…

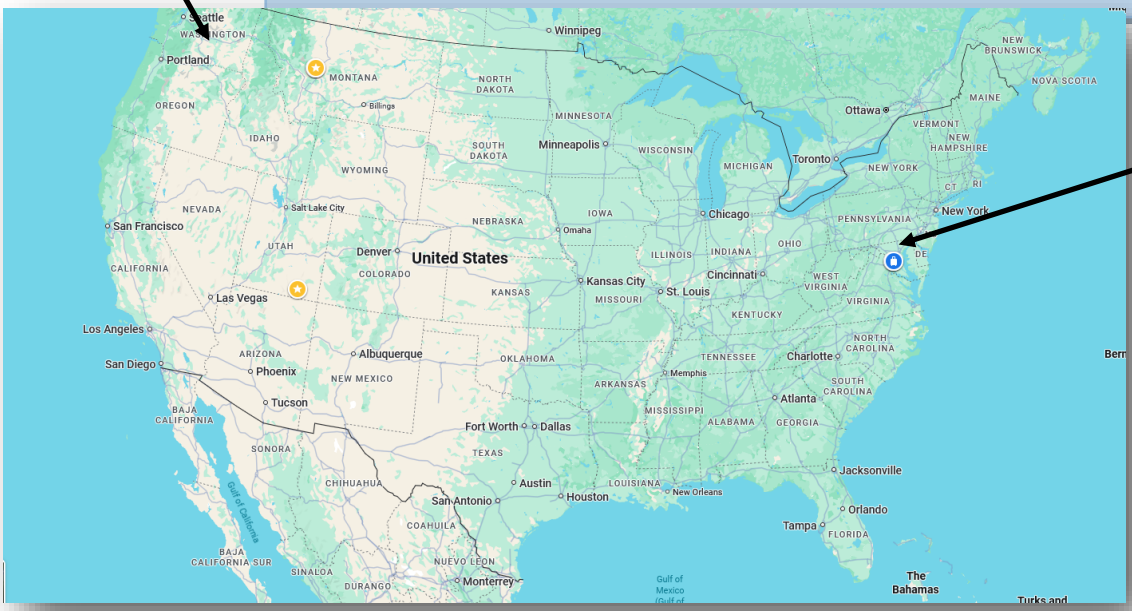
Whoops.

They asked if we meant Washington DC or Washington State. Big mistake and my other good friend Al put me right…

They are 2,300 to 2,800 miles apart, depending on the specific cities you're measuring between and the route taken. By air: ….5 hours. By road: …..40–45 hours of continuous driving, not counting stops.

Well, we had to change our plans somewhat...Thank you Penny & Cindy..

Washington State



Washington DC

Harper's Ferry

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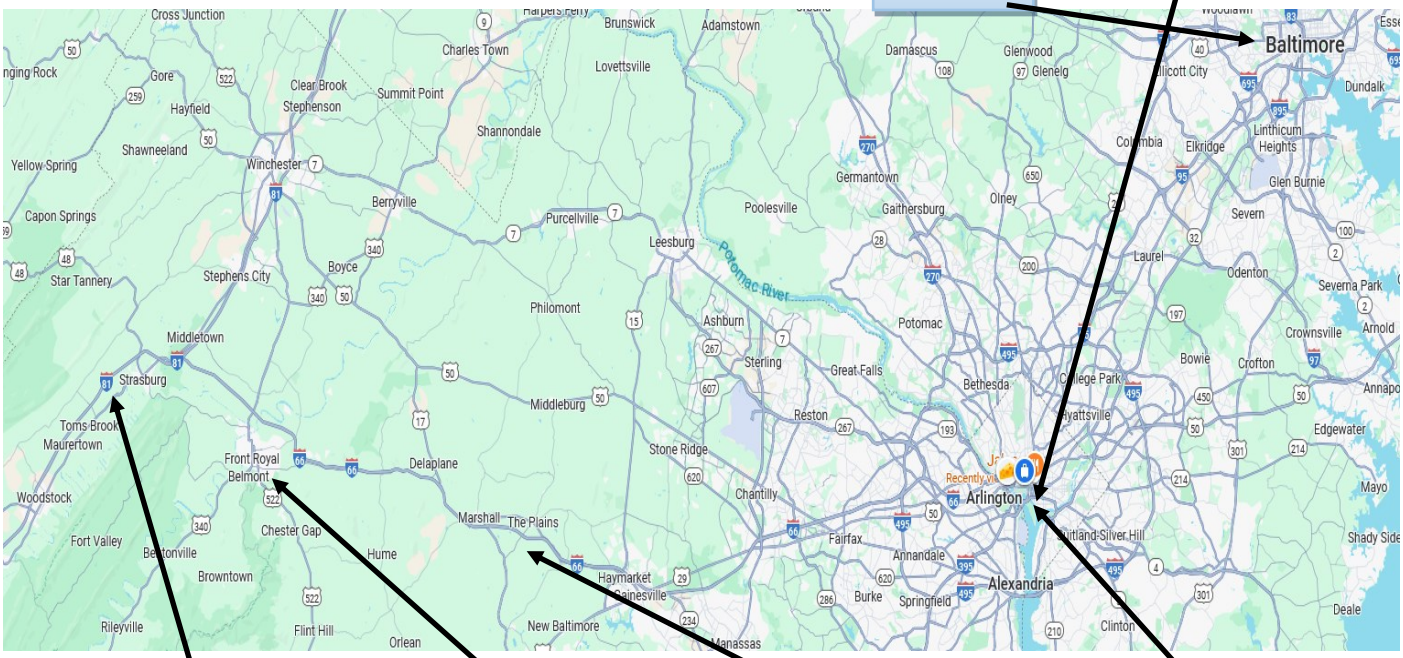

Strasburg

Front Royal

The Plains

Georgetown

Cover Picture **Flag flying at Veterans' Memorial September 2025**

I September 2015 , Lynn and I flew to Washington DC (Dulles International Airport) The following pictures are our 'holiday snaps' As always I kept a daily blog of our trip (in boring detail) so we will have personal memories to look back on. So the following photos* will only have locations where necessary rather than duplicating the background .

(* However, some of the photos will be in the blog at relevant places)

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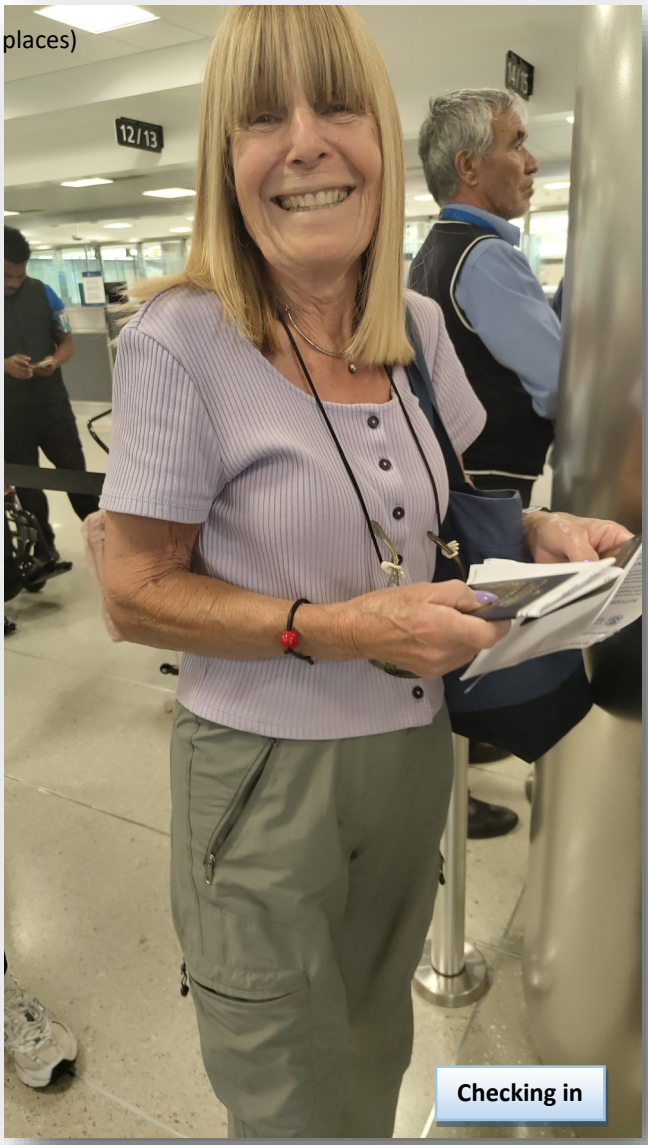
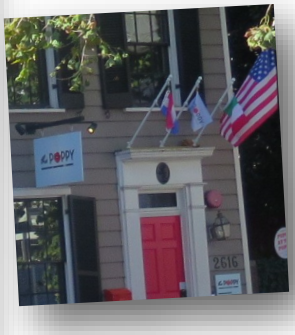


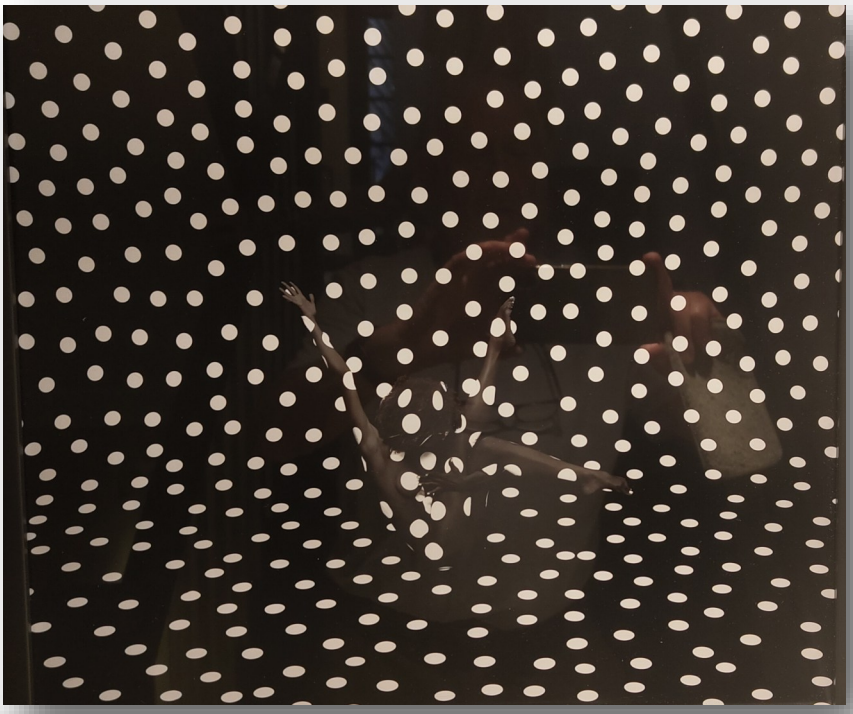
Checking in

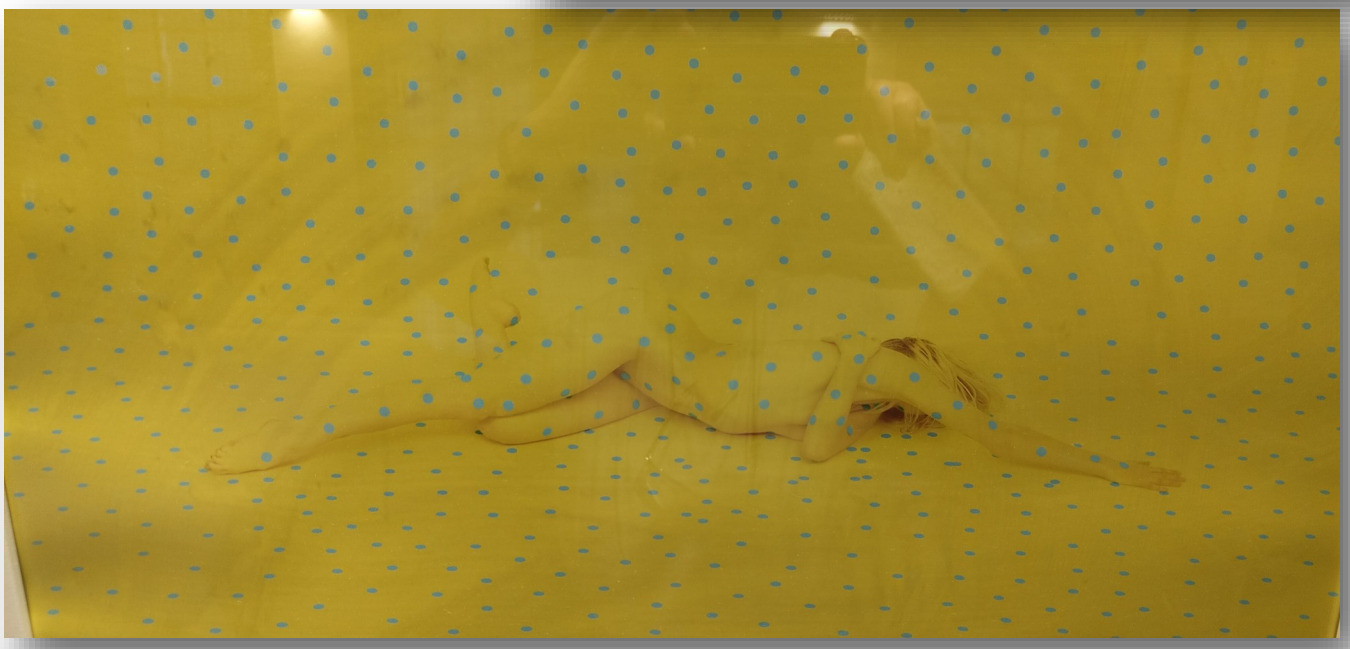
The Poppy House, Georgetown, Washington DC

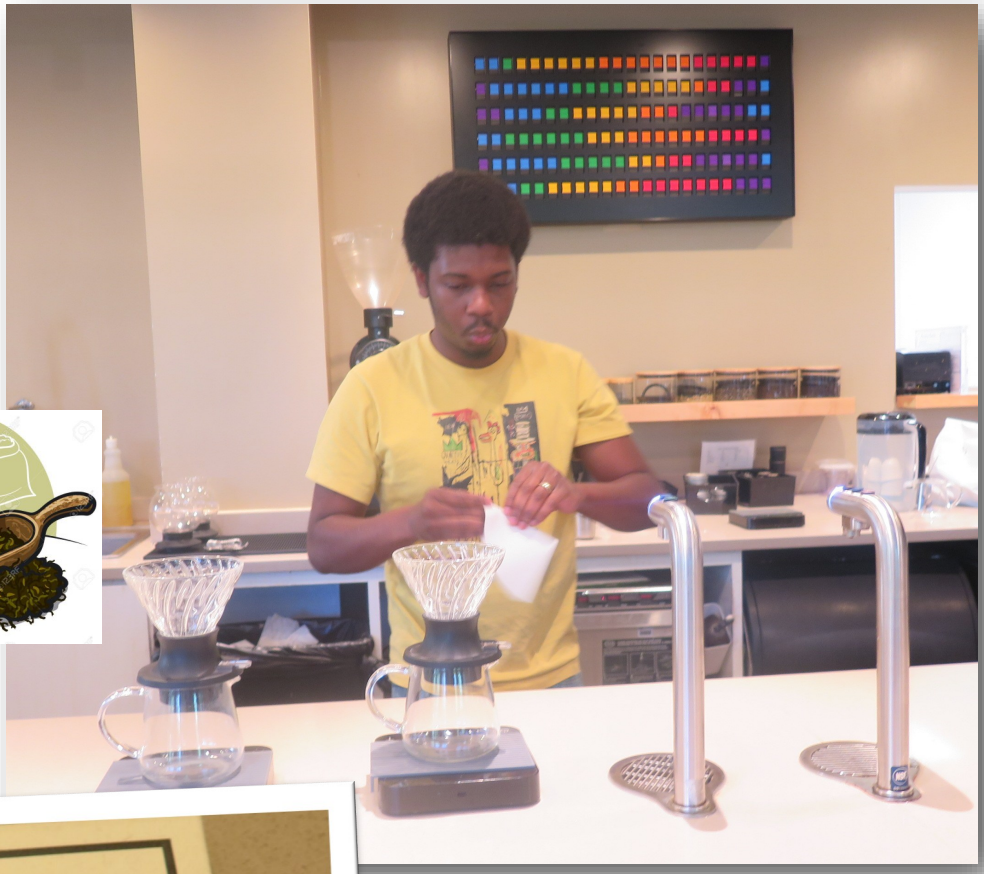


Georgetown, Washington DC

Artwork at The Poppy House







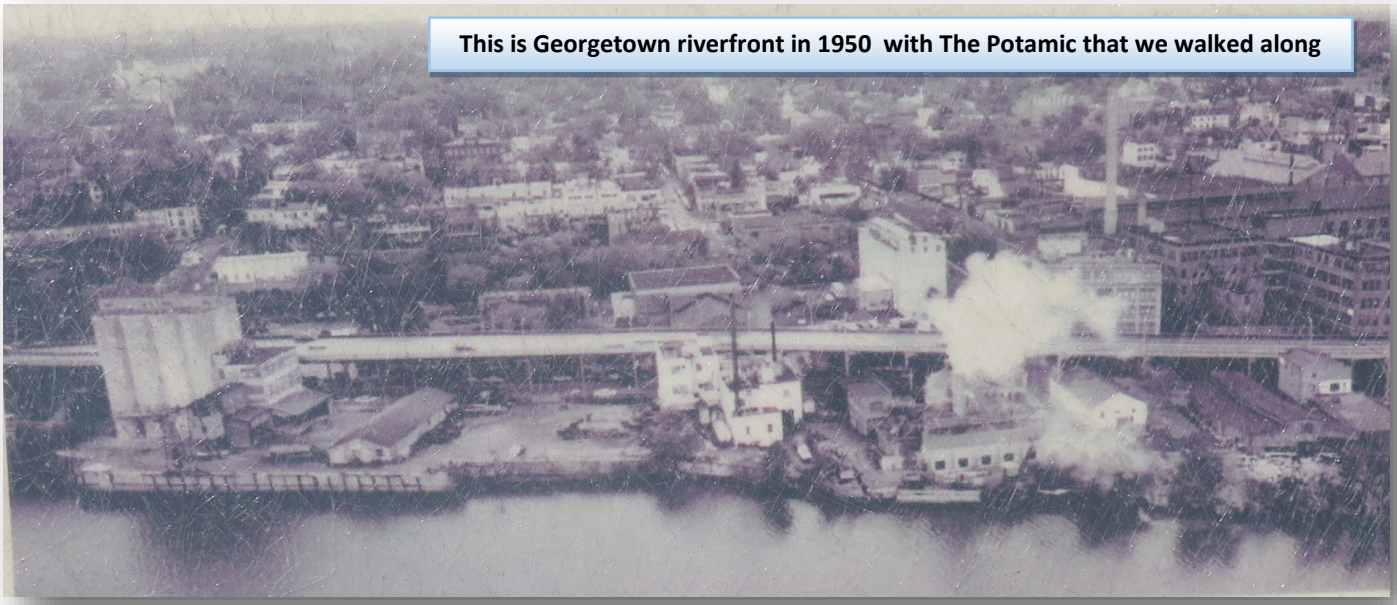
George Town tea and coffee house with a dubious sounding product

FOSSA CHOCOLATE | Pekoe &Imp
Tea Chocolate
DUCK SHIT DANCONG
Tasting Notes
Floral fragrance layered with notes of longan and malt

Lynn toasting marshmallows on our fire pit at The Poppy House

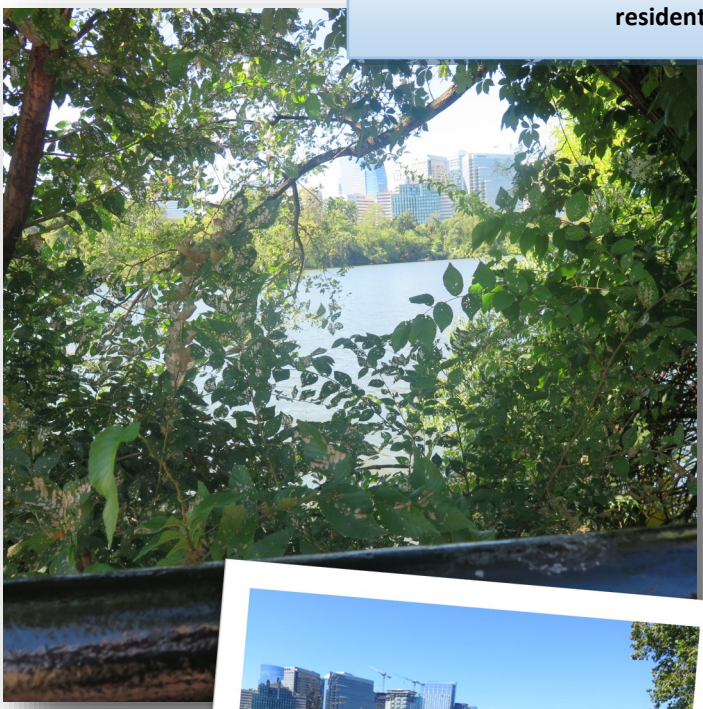
'M' Street Georgetown

The original plan was to build the C & O Canal all the way to the Ohio River in Pennsylvania so that boats could travel to the West, but that never happened. It was named C for the Chesapeake Bay and O for the Ohio River! Georgetown itself was established in 1751 and was a busy port town that was home to textile mill, paper factory, and flour mills. Construction of the C&O Canal began in 1828 and provided an economic boost to the area with transportation of goods such as tobacco, sugar and molasses from the West Indies, and salt from Europe. . Flooding and financial ruin killed the C&O Canal Company but the canal remains. Now bypassed by freight and commerce, the canal was soon re-discovered by people with different goals. The canal's nearly level towpath ran 184.5 miles along the Potomac River. Significant rainfall had resulted in flooding and the collapse of the Bridgewater Canal in Little Bollington, near Dunham Massey, on New Year's Day 2025. These pictures show the current construction to reinstate the canal in Georgetown and will certainly be fabulous when reopened



This is Georgetown riverfront in 1950 with The Potamic that we walked along

The waterfront is now a National Park. In the 1960's a proposed interstate highway was planned but never built and slow progress until when the rowing fraternity galvanised local residents to bring The National Park to fruition



We walked the 18 miles round trip from Georgetown along the Potomac waterfront all the way to Washington DC

Lunch at Matin's Tavern which is a well known traditional local eating restaurant.

Edgar Allan Poe — La Bohème

Curated Cocktail Pairings with each dish 4 courses $65 or 6 courses $95

General Lasalle
rosemary gin, delin blanc, calvados, demerara sugar, lime, ash gibson onion, brine
Pairs with The Pit & The Pendulum 14

Beet Still my Heart
fresh beet shrub, aquavit, rye, pomegranate molasses, toasted spices
Pairs with The Tell Tale Heart "Beet" 14

Suspended in Time
fig shrub, calvados, ruby port, delin rouge, pear glass
Pairs with The Unnatural Stasis of MValdemar 14

Sail Away With an Orangutan
cognac, fino sherry, madeira, black garlic molasses, miso-maple syrup, orange bitters
Pairs with A Chimney in Paris 16

Paean Song of Triumph
gin, delin blanc, fino sherry, house made citrus bitters, gold leaf
Pairs with The Queenliest Death 14

Jealous Angels
passionfruit puree, coconut crema, irish whiskey, madeira, crème-de cacao blanc
Pairs with Sepulchre by The Sea 14

The Fallen Twins
pomegranate molasses, and black garlic, scotch, vodka, black olive jus, lemon, olive sage dust
Pairs with The Malevolent Mansion 15

The Nobles Perish
tomato sweet red pepper shrub, delin rouge, green chartreuse, london dry gin
Pairs with The Shroud of The Red Death 16

The Golden Bug
saffron gin, blanc vermouth, palo cortado sherry, lemon, egg white, golden honey espelette beetle
Pairs with Jupiter's Fortune 16

Nevermore...
roasted black barley tea infused bourbon, black plum hibiscus sweet shrub, bitters, smoke
Pairs with The Raven 16

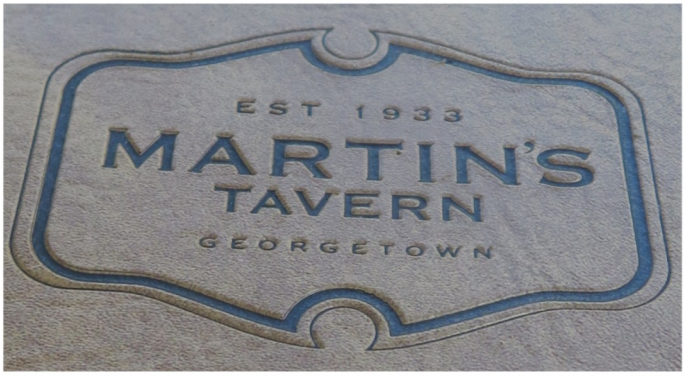
In Pace Requiescat
caramelized onion infused rye, delin rouge, palo cortado sherry, mushroom tincture, miso syrup
Pairs with Fortunado's Tomb 14

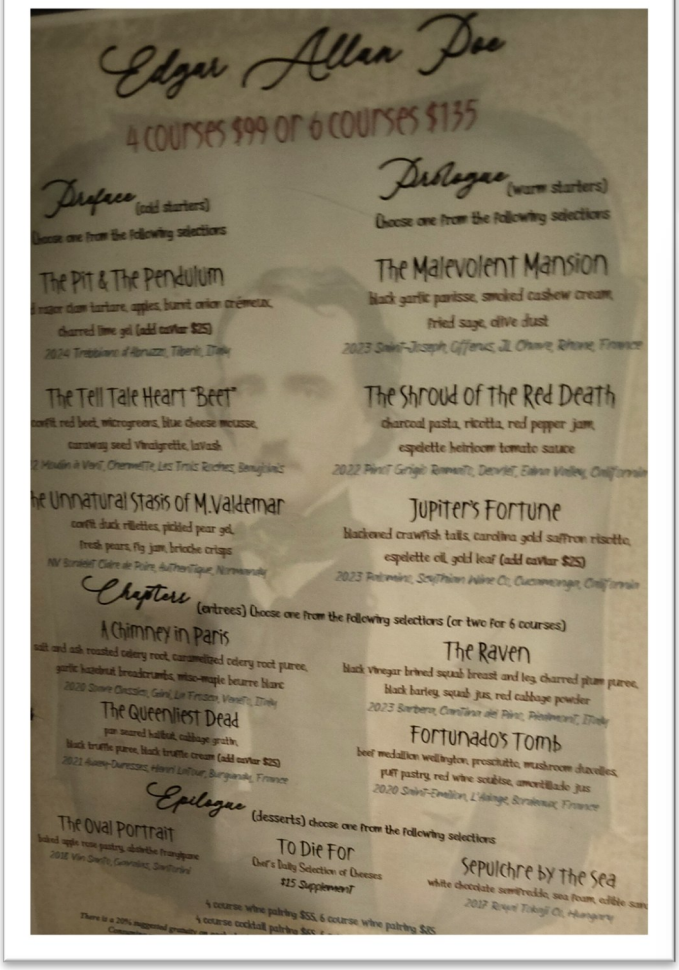
With Each Brushstroke
apple butter calvados, lemon, spiced pomegranate paint, absinthe essence
Pairs with The Oval Portrait 14

Tasting of 4 frozen Chartreuse et VEP $115

"I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity."
- Edgar Allan Poe

There is a 20% suggested gratuity on each check, as well as a 2.5% service





Edgar Allan Poe

4 COURSES $99 OR 6 COURSES $135

Prologue (cold starters)
Choose one from the following selections

The Pit & The Pendulum
[illegible] tartare, apples, burnt onion crémeux, charred lime gel (add caviar $25)
2014 Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, Tiberio, Italy

The Tell Tale Heart "Beet"
confit red beet, wild mushroom, blue cheese mousse, caraway seed vinaigrette, lavash
[illegible]

The Unnatural Stasis of M.Valdemar
confit duck rillettes, pickled pear gel, fresh pears, fig jam, brioche crisps
NV Boréal Cidre de Poire, Au Pied Taupe, Normandy

Chapters (entrees) Choose one from the following selections (or two for 6 courses)

A Chimney in Paris
salt and ash roasted celery root, caramelized celery root puree, garlic hazelnut breadcrumbs, miso-maple beurre blanc
2020 Stone Cheddar, Gaini, La Finizia, Veneto, Italy

The Queenliest Dead
pan seared halibut, cabbage gratin, black truffle puree, black truffle cream (add caviar $25)
2021 Auxey-Duresses, Henri Lafleur, Burgundy, France

Epilogue (desserts) choose one from the following selections

The Oval Portrait
baked apple rose pastry, [illegible]
2018 Vin Santo, Gamberelli, Sterlorino

To Die For
Chef's Daily Selection of Cheeses
$15 Supplement

4 course wine pairing $55, 6 course wine pairing $85
4 course cocktail pairing $60, 6 course cocktail pairing $80

Prologue (warm starters)
Choose one from the following selections

The Malevolent Mansion
black garlic purisse, smoked cashew cream, fried sage, olive dust
2023 Saint-Joseph, Offerus, JL Chave, Rhone, France

The Shroud of the Red Death
charcoal pasta, ricotta, red pepper jam, espelette heirloom tomato sauce
2022 Pinot Grigio Ramato, Dervlet, Eden Valley, California

Jupiter's Fortune
blackened crawfish tails, carolina gold saffron risotto, espelette oil, gold leaf (add caviar $25)
2023 Patrimio, Seyffhein Wine Co, Cucamonga, California

The Raven
black vinegar brined squab breast and leg, charred plum puree, black barley, squab jus, red cabbage powder
2023 Barbera, Cantina dei Pini, Piedmont, Italy

Fortunado's Tomb
beef medallion wellington, prosciutto, mushroom duxelles, puff pastry, red wine sotise, amontillado jus
2020 Saint-Emilion, L'Abrege, Soraimar, France

To Die For
Chef's Daily Selection of Cheeses
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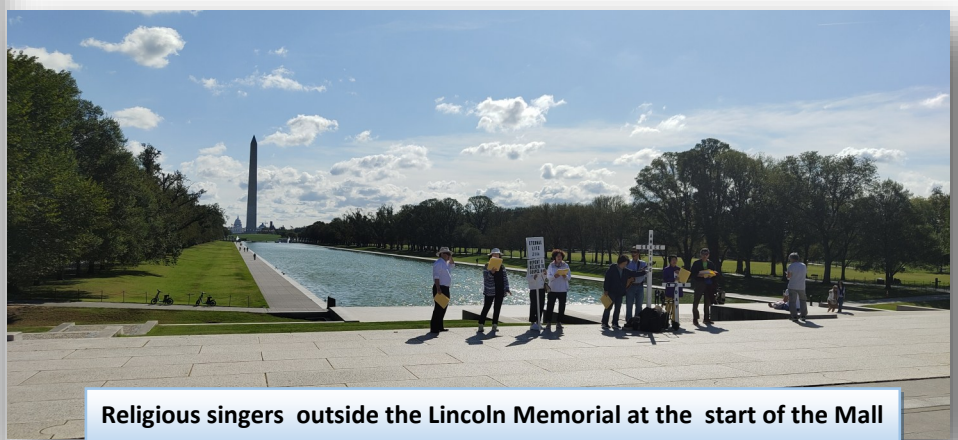
Sepulchre by The Sea
white chocolate sawtrekkle, sea foam, edible sand
2017 Royal Tokaji Co, Hungary

We noticed this house opposite where were eating, where the side windows were actually not real...just cleverly painted on (even the lady and dog looking out))

This tree looked so neat as if it had been to the hairdressers

The Lincoln Memorial



Religious singers outside the Lincoln Memorial at the start of the Mall

These great disabled war veterans came from Texas and we chatted with some here at The Washington Memorial

These four vehicles sported very relevant slogans and this shot with Capitol House in the distance surely says it all

OUR GUARD TROOPS TRAINED TO PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF. NOT PATROL OUR PARKS.
It's time to end the D.C. deployment.
NotTheMission.org

Capitol House

OUR BRAVEST SIGNED UP TO PROTECT FELLOW CITIZENS FROM HARM. NOT TO POLICE THEM.
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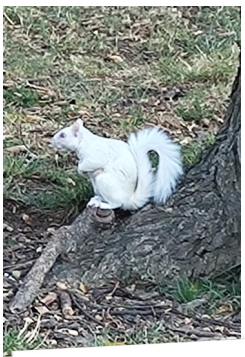
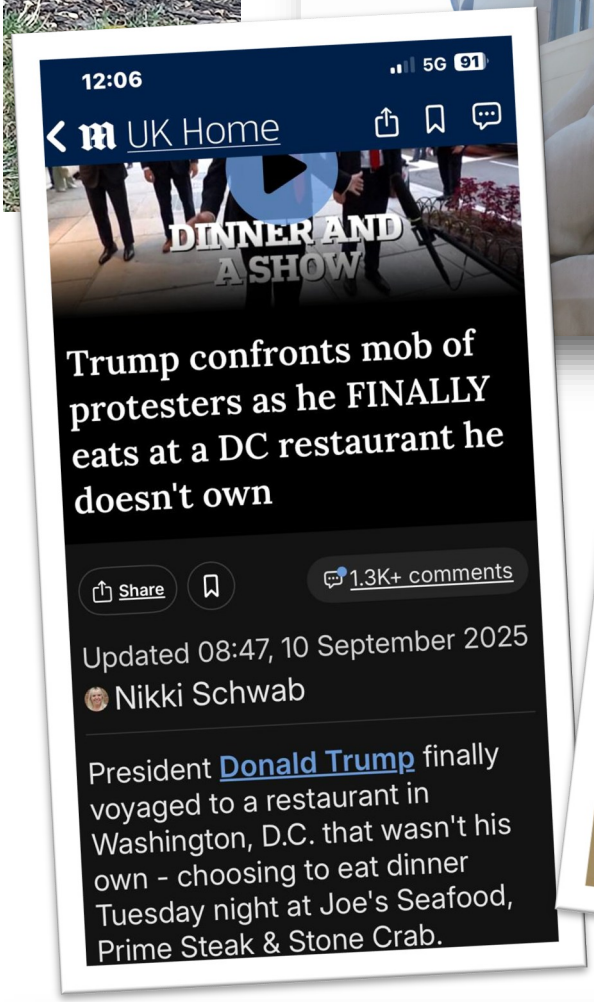
The White House with heavy security

Trump had called out The Home Guard to patrol the streets

Tourists and Americans looking at The White House



Close to The White House...an aptly coloured squirrel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DINNER AND A SHOW
Trump confronts mob of protesters as he FINALLY eats at a DC restaurant he doesn't own
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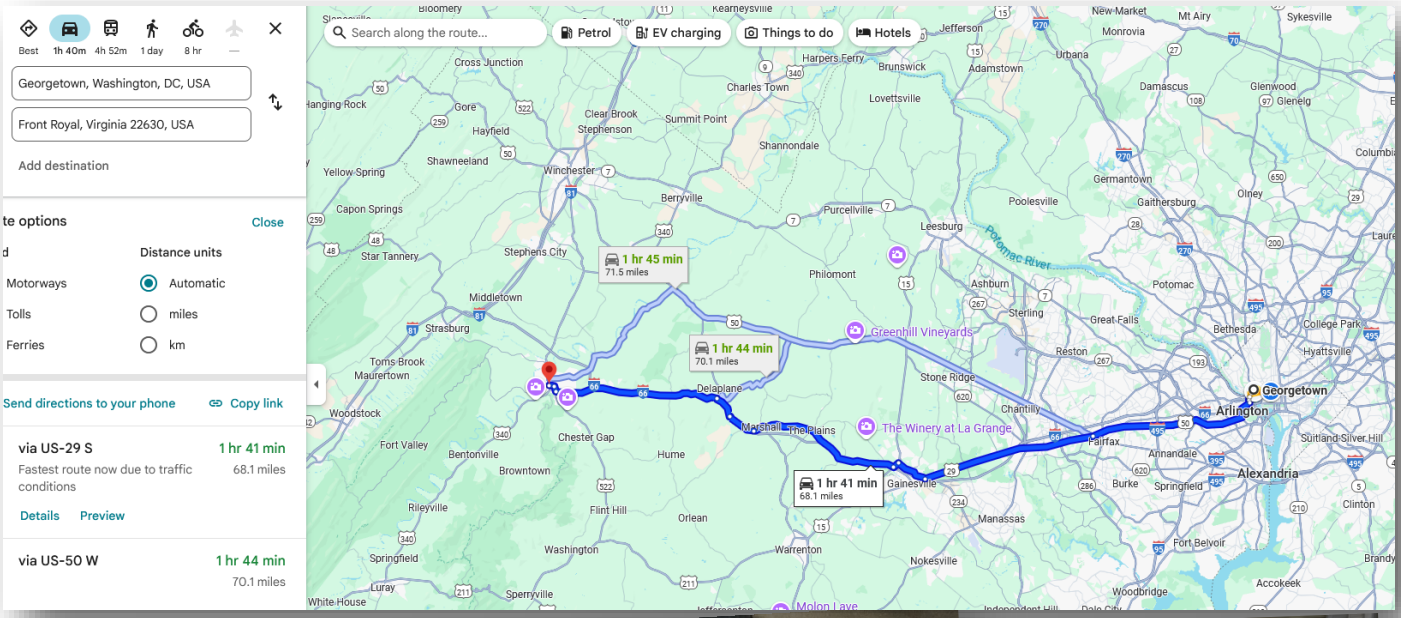
Nikki Schwab
President Donald Trump finally voyaged to a restaurant in Washington, D.C. that wasn't his own - choosing to eat dinner Tuesday night at Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab.

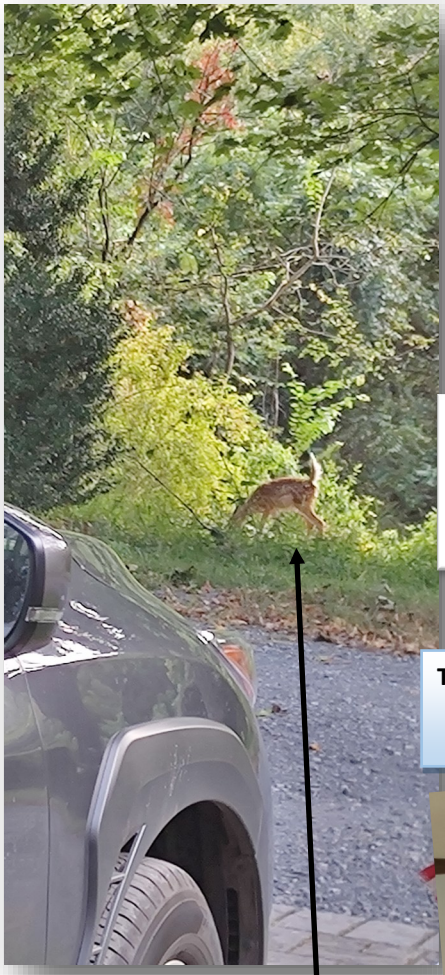
The Tea Shop in The Plains

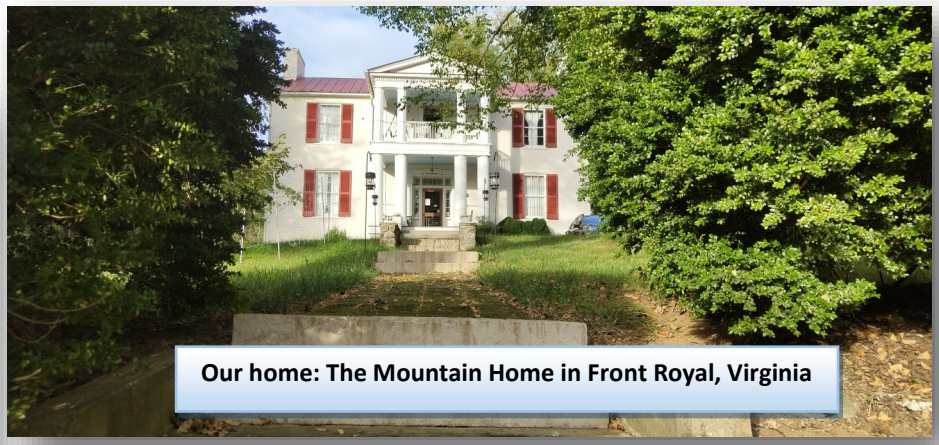


This is 'adorable'..

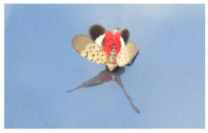
In Strasburg the owner of this lovely house was undecided what colour to paint their door so they asked everyone to cast their vote (using the chalk suppled) on the side-walk. Brilliant..*I bet they painted it red in defiance!*

The delightful English tea shop in The Plains even had a Union Jack and a cut out of our late Queen in the corner





Our home: The Mountain Home in Front Royal, Virginia

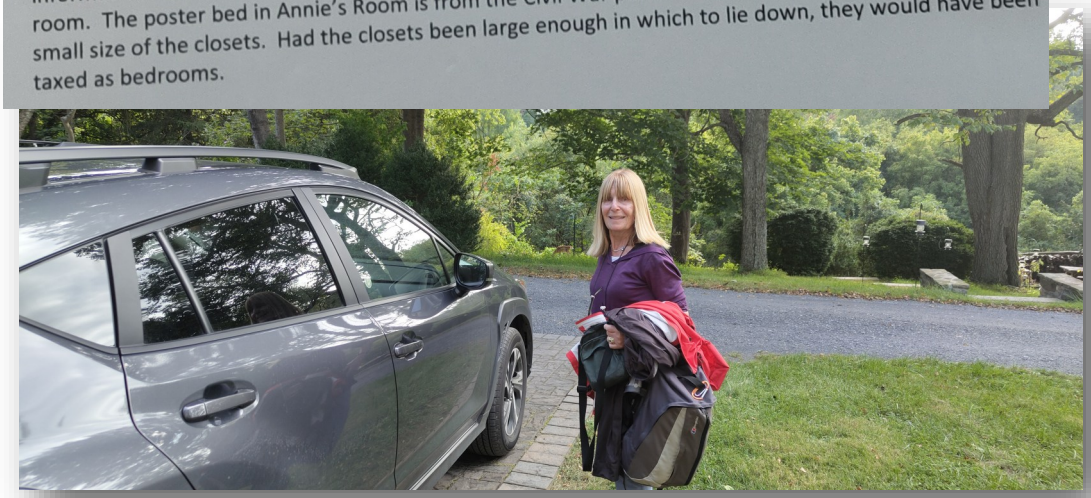


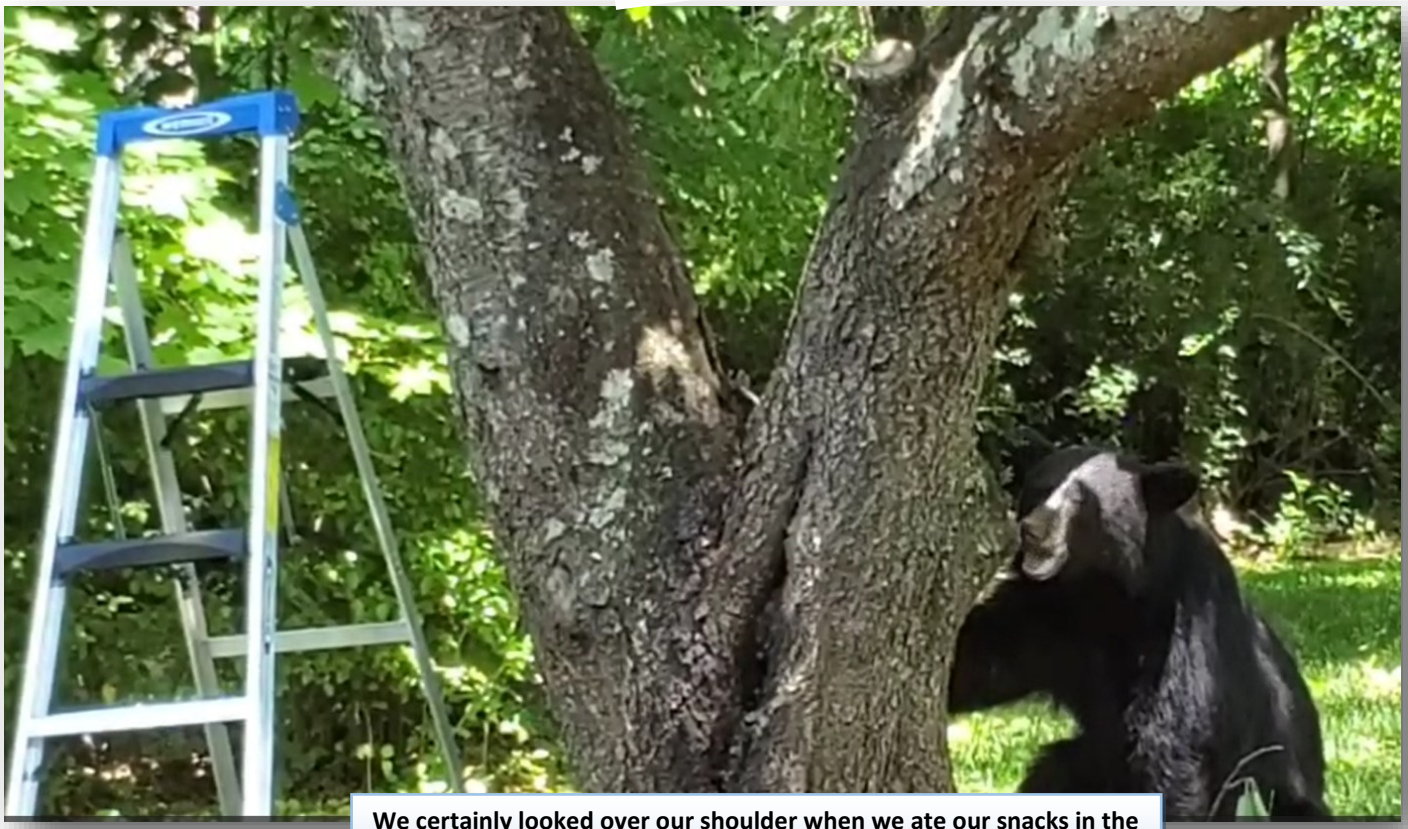
Initially we marvelled at these fascinating moth-like insects but the *Spotted Lanternfly* invasion hit parts of Virginia, including Washington and Front Royal, locals didn't just notice… they got creative with the naming. They nicknamed them Lantern Mafia of Flying Hellbugs These colourful but destructive insects earned a slew of informal names thanks to their sudden swarms, erratic flight, and the sticky mess they leave behind. In some areas, people even called them "Tree Vampires" because of how they drain sap and damage plants.

The bed needed footstools to get in and out

Lisa and Scott (our hosts) explained that the two deer lived in the grounds...but...unfortunately a visiting black bear came and ate all the cherries by climbing in the tree

Historical note: Annie was the oldest daughter of the Gardner family who first lived here. Annie is probably best known for the diary she kept for 4 months during the summer of 1862. In the diary she refers to the family's "beautiful and much beloved Mountain Home" and the Yankees passing by and needing food and lodging. Sometimes they paid for it; sometimes not. She went to study at Hollins in Roanoke starting in March, 1864, but she died at Hollins as a result of the epidemic that occurred in May of that year. Her diary gives us a unique female teenager perspective on the war as troop movements occurred on the road in front of her home and as news of the war reached the estate. Based on information in the diary, it seems logical that Annie and her two sisters, Rebecca and Mary, slept in this room. The poster bed in Annie's Room is from the Civil War period but comes from Georgia. Note the small size of the closets. Had the closets been large enough in which to lie down, they would have been taxed as bedrooms.





We certainly looked over our shoulder when we ate our snacks in the garden after watching the tree-climbing bear

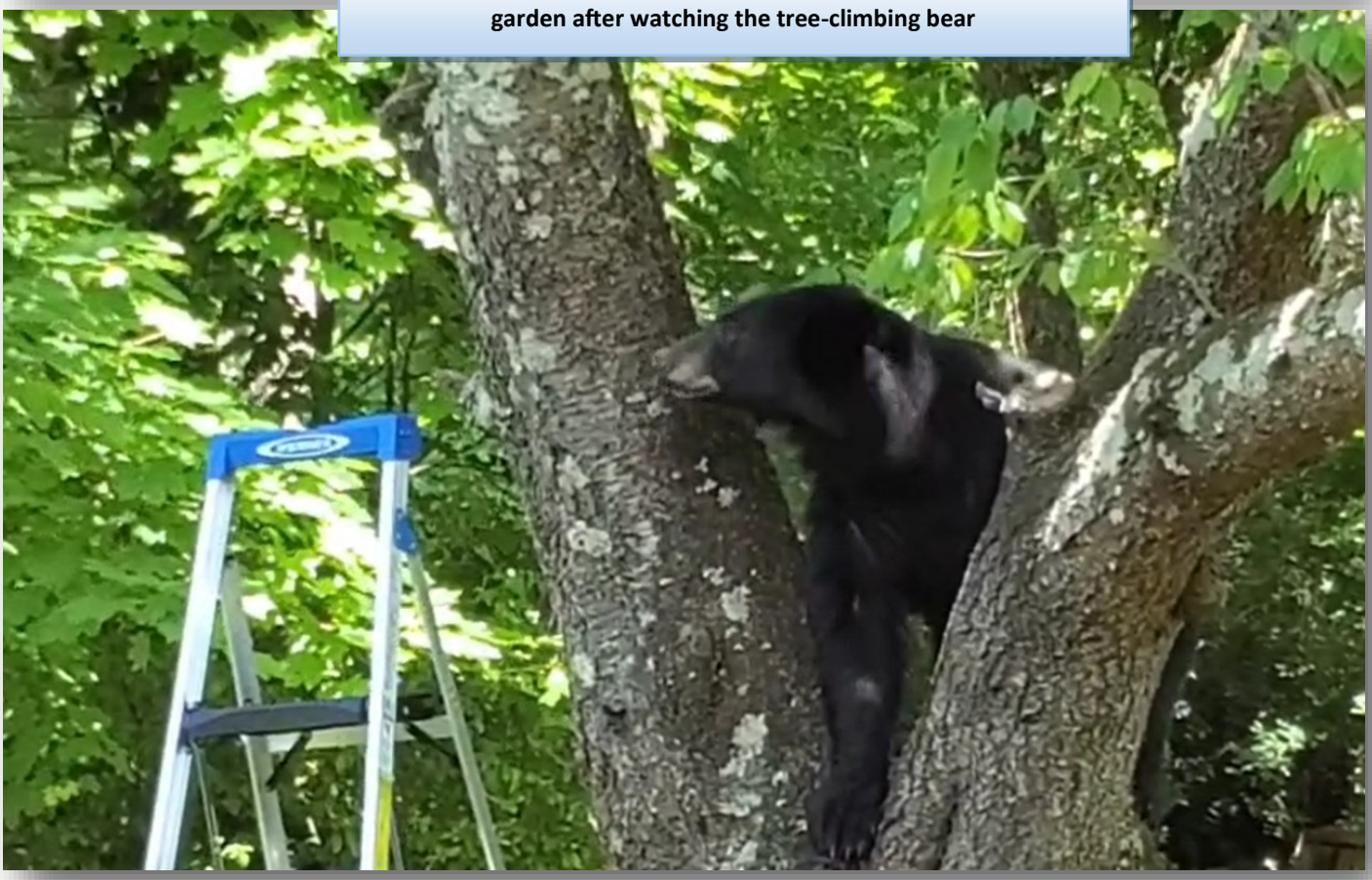


Photo History

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Conceived in 1921, the trail was built by private citizens and completed in 1937.

2,190* MILES LONG (3524.5 km)

PASSES THROUGH **14** STATES

The **"thru-hikers"** walk the entire trail in a continuous journey.

Most thru-hikes take an average of **6 months** to complete.

An estimated **3 million** people visit every year and over **3,000** attempt a thru-hike.

Elevation gain/loss equivalent to hiking **Mt. Everest** from sea level and back **16** times.

Northern terminus: *Mt. Katahdin 5,268 ft (1606 m)*

Maine

Vermont

New Hampshire

Massachusetts

Connecticut

Lowest point: Bear Mountain State Park *124 ft (37.8 m)*

New Jersey

Maryland

Washington, D.C.

Virginia

State with the longest length of trail, about 550 miles (885 km)

West Virginia

State with the shortest length of trail, about 4 miles (6.4 km)

North Carolina

Tennessee

Highest point: *Kuwohi 6,643 ft (2025 m)*

Southern terminus: *Springer Mountain 3,782 ft (1153 m)*

Georgia

CANADA

UNITED STATES

New York

Pennsylvania

Lake Ontario

Lake Erie

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS

ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Skyline Drive is 105 miles long with a 35 mph speed limit. It has 75 'overlooks' (viewpoints) and 500 miles of trails . We walked for approx. 3.5 hours and it was quiet and very secluded.

0 100 200 mi

0 150 300 km

*Distance changes from year to year as the trail is modified or rerouted.

Source: Appalachian Trail Conservancy

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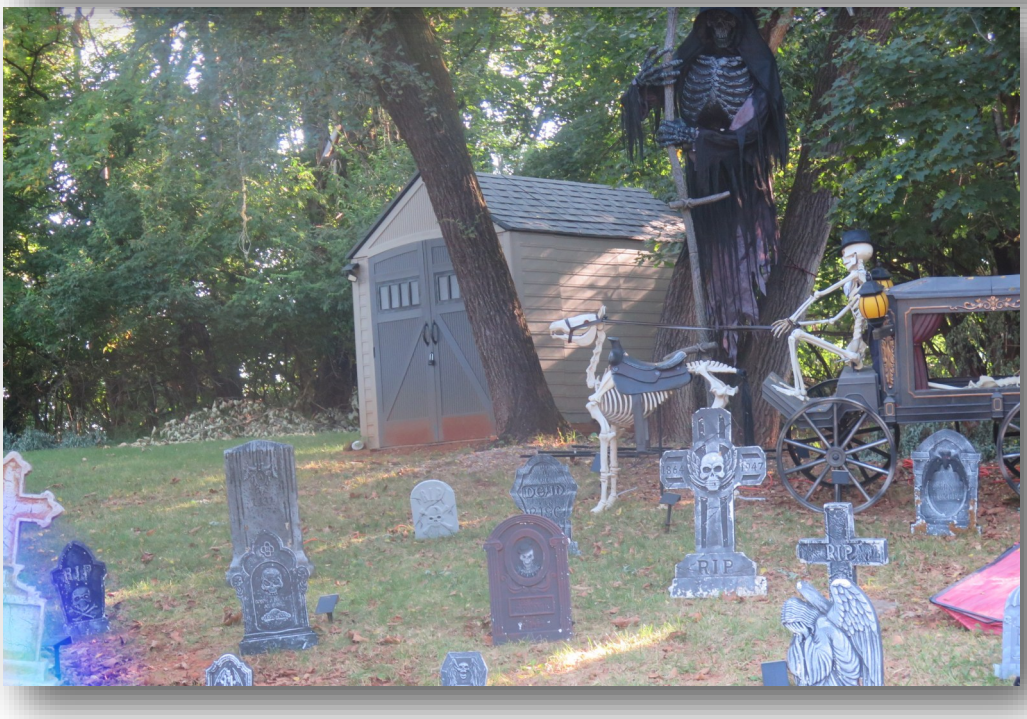
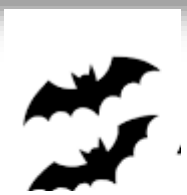
The Skyline Drive is immensely long and as it was a weekday at the end of September we had it almost to ourselves

Photo History

Yes, it might be a strange photo, but when you are alone hiking in the woods you look for any sign that bears might be around and this 'indication' on our lonely path certainly caused us to look round at every strange sound

Houses set for Halloween





Getting ready for Halloween at Front Royal

CAPTURE OF FRONT ROYAL
STONEWALL JACKSON, MOVING A-
GAINST BANKS, CAPTURED THIS
TOWN FROM A UNION FORCE UNDER
COLONEL KENLY, MAY 23, 1862.
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Front Royal is nestled at the northern entrance to Shenandoah National Park, it's known for outdoor recreation, historic charm, and access to the Shenandoah River. It blends small-town appeal with proximity to nature and Civil War history. At night, we found this main street almost deserted however

Shenandoah National Park , established in 1935, is alongside The Appalachian Trail and sits below The Blue Ridge Mountains and this is why we stayed here at Front Royal in order to be close to all these wonderful places.

Along the road to Lauren and The Shenandoah

River
Access

Along the beautiful Shenandoah River

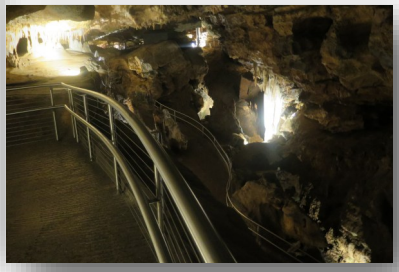
A wonderful riverside stroll

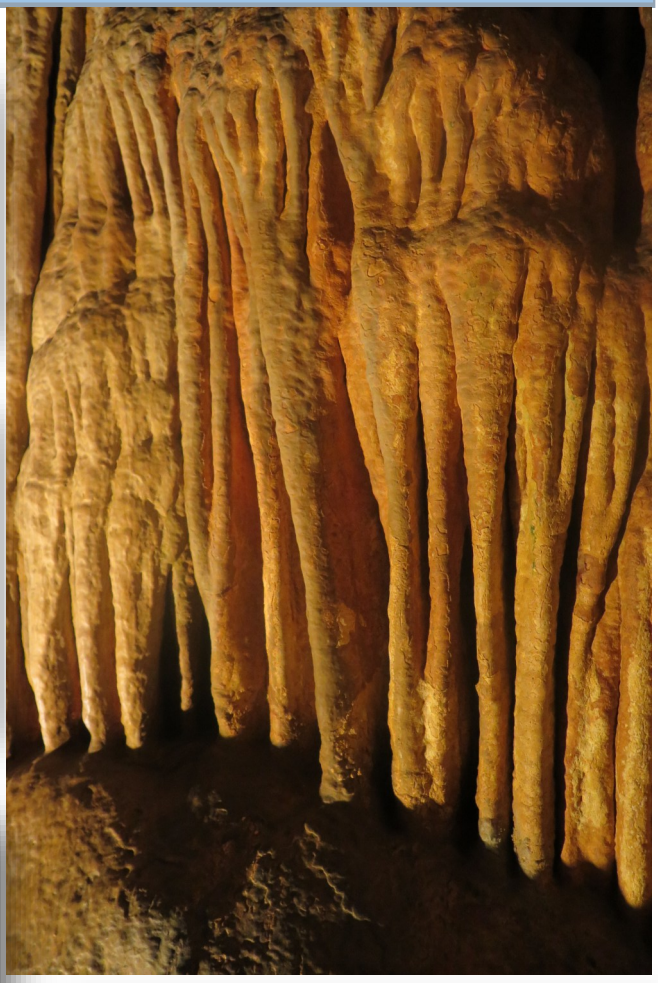
Indian Hollow , where we started our walk

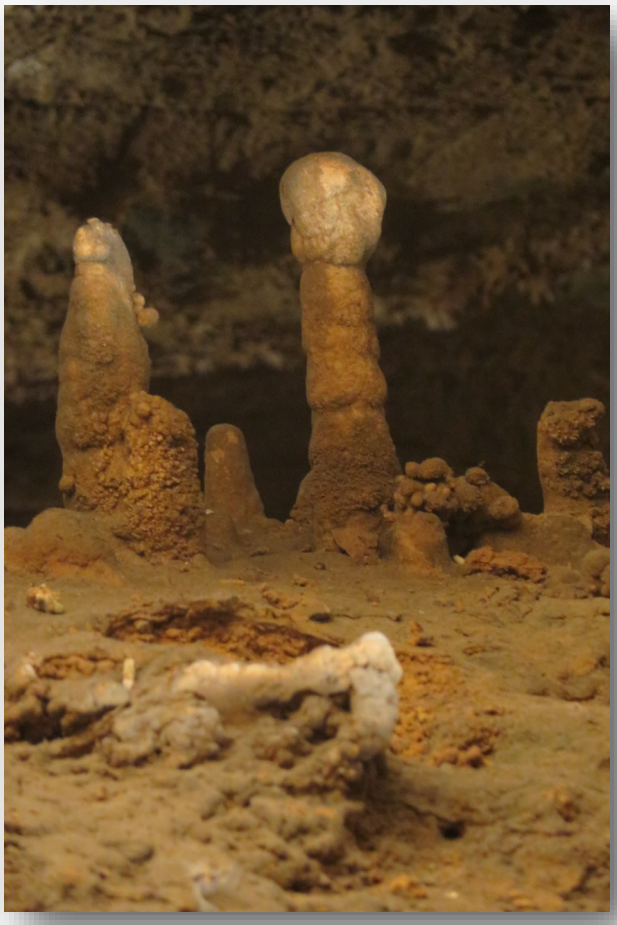
Jason at the boatyard showed us how to access the River Path here

The quiet backroad over the Shenandoah

Luray Caverns, is just west of Luray, Virginia, was discovered in 1878 and is the largest cavern in the eastern United States. There are speleothems such as columns, stalactites, stalagmites, flow-stone, and mirrored pools. It amazed us and we took over 1.5 hours slowly walking through it.

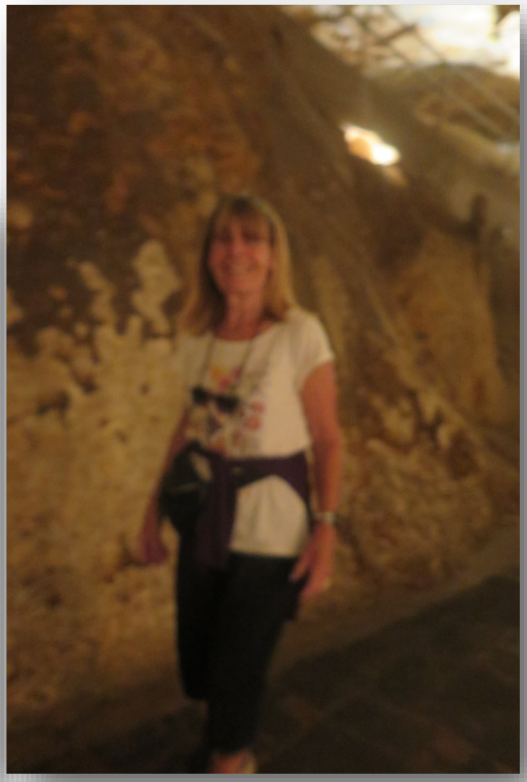






The Discovery of the Century
August 13, 1878
"It's a magnificent cave… The most beautiful I've ever seen."
— Alexander J. Brand, Jr., correspondent for the New York Herald

Photographs do not do this spectacular cavern system justice. They have to be seen to be believed



LURAY
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Berryville, on the way to Lancaster was having 'The Big Flea' as we passed through. The DJ in the main road was playing great rock 'n' roll (all of which we knew) with adverts for local shops. Everywhere were local folk buying household Knick knacks from stalls set up on every available space. I was such great fun and everyone was happy

THE BIG FLEA
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th
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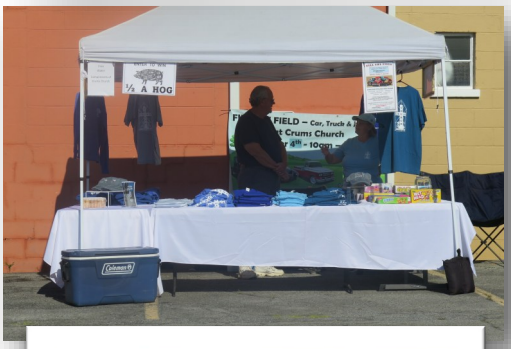
IN MEMORY OF JOHN R. HOGAN
This community space is dedicated to the memory John Hogan, a committed public servant and strong advocate of Berryville's downtown.
Mr. Hogan served as Berryville's Town Manager from April 1, 1985 to November 12, 1997. He will always be remembered for his keen intellect, sharp wit, and indomitable spirit.
Mr. Hogan was a true friend to this community, and his service to its people is recognized and honored.
MAIN STREET FLOODING
Hogan's Alley was created by the 1976 razing of the Mecca Restaurant to address flooding on Berryville's Main Street. Other businesses occupying this site included McCall's Paint Shop, Warner's Drugstore, and the American Restaurant.
BERRYVILLE DEPOT
Ironwork at the north end of Hogan's Alley was salvaged from the former Berryville Train Depot, which operated on the Norfolk and Southern rail line and was demolished in 1990.


½ A HOG

POLICE

ENTER TO WIN
LOIN
LEG HAM
½ A HOG

ZENITH

YA'LL COME BACK

Dolls knitted to order...

Can't quite find what you're looking for? Just ask! Don't have time today, looking for something in a certain color or want something specific you're not sure I can make? Take my card send me a message!

They were so proud of their bargain purchases

TASTE OF HOME
Downtown
LUNCH
11 AM – Close
SANDWICHES
Served with Potato Chips And A Dill Pickle
Smash Burger
2 100% Beef Patties, Cheese, Smash Sauce, Lettuce, Tomato, And Onion On Bun 12.95
Hamburger
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, And Onion On Bun 10.95 With Cheese 11.95
Reuben
Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, With 1000 Island On Rye 11.95
Rachel
Corned Beef, Provolone Cheese, Coleslaw, With 1000 Island Dressing On Wheat 11.95
Chicken Sandwich
Grilled Or Fried 11.95
Fried Fish Sandwich
Lettuce Tomato And Mayo 12.95
Steak And Cheese Sub
Choice Of Cheese, Green Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms 12.95
Club Sandwich
Ham, Turkey, Bacon, Cheese, Lettuce Tomato, And Mayo. Choice Of Whole Wheat Or White Bread 12.95
Portello Mushroom Sandwich
Pesto, Mayo With Fried Peppers And Onion On Bun 10.95
Veggie Burger
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo And Onion 10.95
ALL DAY SALAD BAR
Weekdays 11am-7pm | Weekends 11am-8pm
SOUP & SALAD
Chef Salad
Lettuce, Tomato, Boiled Eggs, Cucumber, Ham, Turkey And Cheese 12.95 Add Steak +3 | Chicken +2 | Shrimp +4
Garden Salad 8.95
Spinach Salad
Red Onions, Sliced Almonds, Feta Cheese, Dried Cranberries Or Strawberries With Raspberry Vinaigrette 10.95
All Day Salad Bar
1 Trip 9.99 | All You Can Eat 12.95
Soup Of The Day 5.95
Bison Chili 7.95
SIDES 3.50
French Fries | Onion Rings | Cole Slaw
Pasta Salad | Garden Salad
DESSERTS
Cobbler Of The Day 5.95
Betty Ann's Special
Chocolate Cake 6.95
Cheesecake 7.95
Military, Police Officers, And First Responders Receive A 30% Discount
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
BEVERAGES 2.50
Pepsi Products | Iced Tea | Milk
Please Alert Your Server if You Have Any Food Allergies
Warning: *Consuming Raw Or Undercooked Meats, Poultry, Seafood, Eggs Or Unpasteurized Milk May Increase Your Risk Of Foodborne

The Fabulous fun Taste Of Home Diner

55 East Main Street, Luray

DINNER BUFFET
17.95 Monday Thru Thursday 3pm – 7pm
SALAD BAR
All You Can Eat 12.95
DINNER
5PM Until Close
ENTREES
All Entrees Include One Trip To Salad Bar
8 Oz Ribeye 19.95
12oz Rib Eye
Choice Of 2 Sides 29.95
Fried Catfish
Choice Of 2 Sides 19.95
Grilled Salmon
Choice Of 2 Sides 21.95
Shrimp 1lb 15.95
Spaghetti Dinner 14.95
Country Fried Steak
Choice Of 2 Sides 17.95
Hamburger Steak
With Onion, Mushrooms, Choice Of 2 Sides 16.95
Seafood Platter
Shrimp, Crab Cake, Fish, Choice Of 2 Sides 26.95
APPETIZERS
Firehouse Wings
6 Wings, Choice Of Ranch Or Blue Cheese 7.95
EMS Potato Skins 7.95
Sheriff's Loaded Nachos 8.95
Shrimp Cocktail 10.95
Chief Copper Poppers 7.95
Mozzarella Stick 7.95
Fried Pickles 6.25
Broccoli Bites 8.25
SOUP
Soup Of The Day 5.95
Bison Chili 7.95
KID'S MENU
Fries May Be Substituted For Listed Sides
Hot Dog With Fries 3.95
Grilled Cheese With Fries 3.25
3 Chicken Tenders With Fries 4.9
Spaghetti 5.75
Cheeseburger Or Hamburger
With Fries 4.95
SIDES 3.95
Mashed Pot With Gravy
Mac & Cheese | French Fries
Onion Rings | Cole Slaw | Pasta Salad
Stewed Tomatoes | Baked Potato
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These Amish ladies and gentlemen were celebrating a birthday in he Taste Of Home Downtown

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
THE CONJURING LAST RITES DEMON SLAYER INFINITY CASTLE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
DOWTON ABBEY THE GRAND FINALE
FREAKIER FRIDAY

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THE GUN SHOP

A detour to Harper's Ferry was possibly a little disappointing as it was beautifully situated but extremely touristy and parking was virtually impossible

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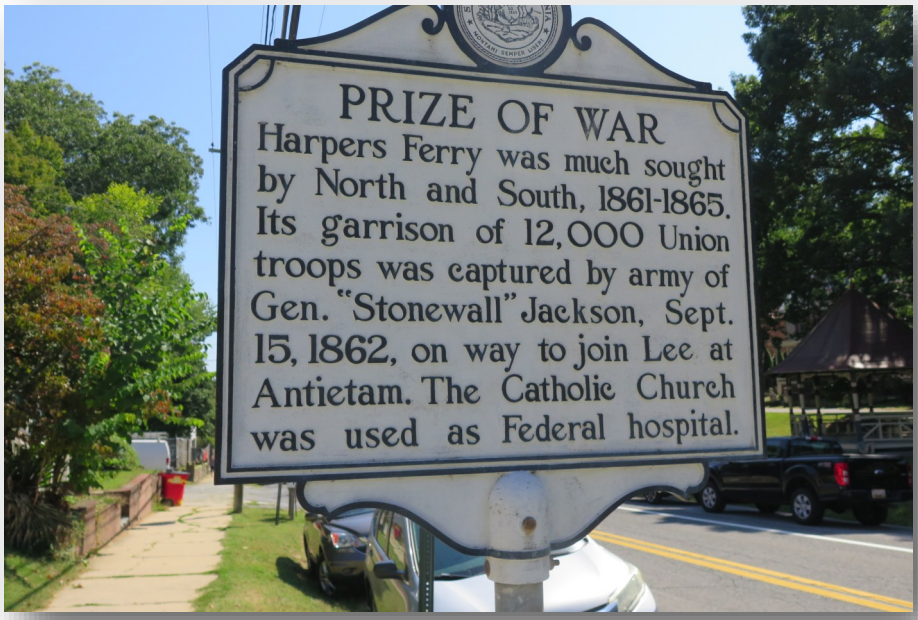
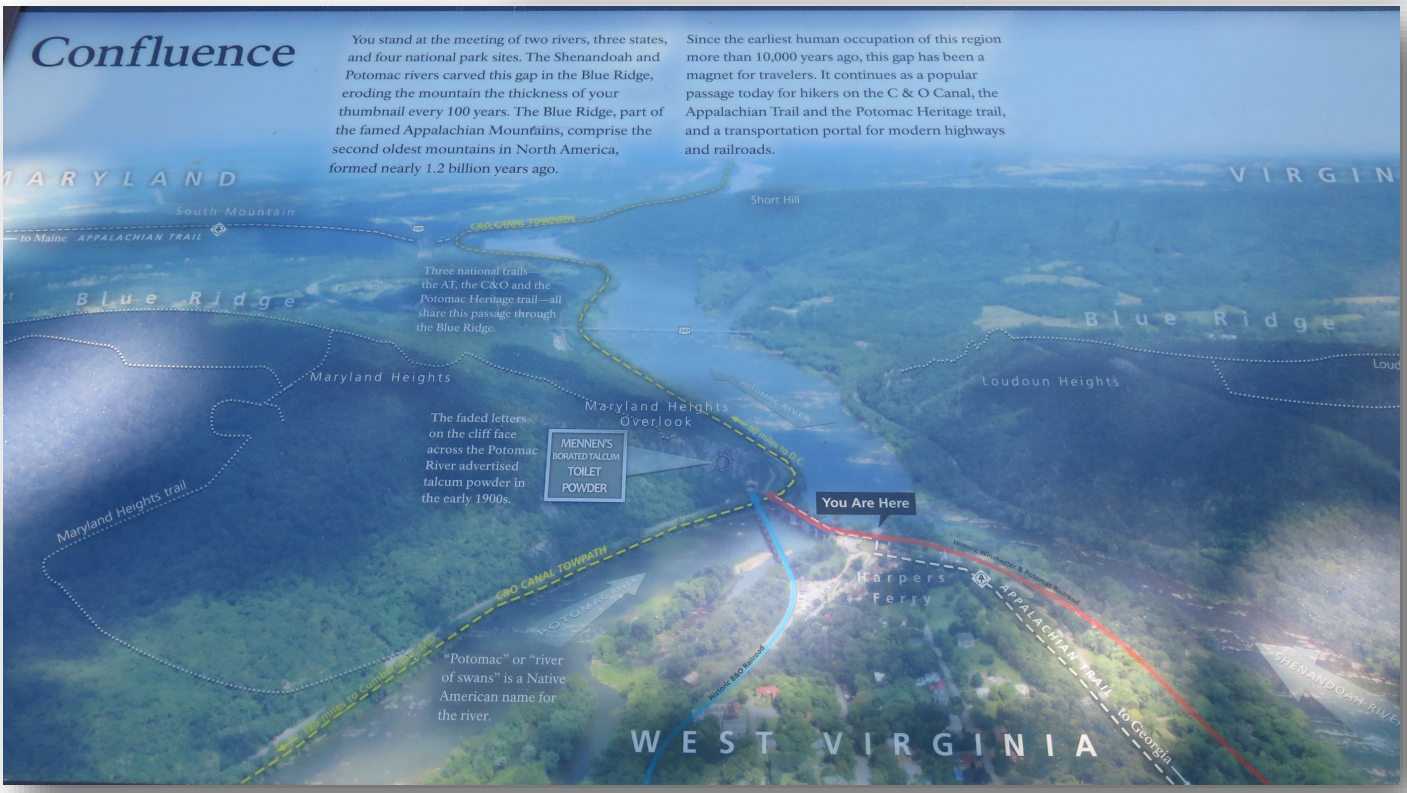
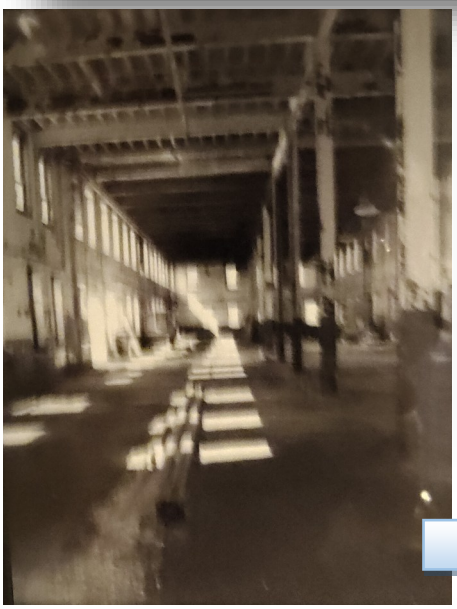
"Shenandoah" or "daughter of the stars" is a Native American name for this river.


PRIZE OF WAR
Harpers Ferry was much sought by North and South, 1861-1865. Its garrison of 12,000 Union troops was captured by army of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, Sept. 15, 1862, on way to join Lee at Antietam. The Catholic Church was used as Federal hospital.


Confluence
You stand at the meeting of two rivers, three states, and four national park sites. The Shenandoah and Potomac rivers carved this gap in the Blue Ridge, eroding the mountain the thickness of your thumbnail every 100 years. The Blue Ridge, part of the famed Appalachian Mountains, comprise the second oldest mountains in North America, formed nearly 1.2 billion years ago.
Since the earliest human occupation of this region more than 10,000 years ago, this gap has been a magnet for travelers. It continues as a popular passage today for hikers on the C & O Canal, the Appalachian Trail and the Potomac Heritage trail, and a transportation portal for modern highways and railroads.
MARYLAND
South Mountain
to Maine APPALACHIAN TRAIL
Blue Ridge
Maryland Heights
Maryland Heights trail
Short Hill
Three national trails—the AT, the C&O and the Potomac Heritage trail—all share this passage through the Blue Ridge.
Maryland Heights Overlook
The faded letters on the cliff face across the Potomac River advertised talcum powder in the early 1900s.
MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM TOILET POWDER
You Are Here
C&O CANAL TOWPATH
Harpers Ferry
APPALACHIAN TRAIL
to Georgia
"Potomac" or "river of swans" is a Native American name for the river.
Loudoun Heights
SHENANDOAH RIVER
WEST VIRGINIA

Once known mainly for its Amish countryside, (the oldest in the USA. It is now attracting modern families with its affordability, walkable downtown, and strong schools. The city blends historic charm—like the Lancaster Central Market—with a revitalized arts and dining scene, making it a popular choice for those seeking community and quality of life outside major metro

We were keen to visit the Amish areas and chose Lancaster for its location in the centre.



Around the fascinating city of Lancaster

Converting the old Cork Factory to its present day hotel use

BIRD IN HAND HOTEL. L.R. RHOADS PROP.
BIRD IN HAND. EAST LAMPETER TP.
H.M. ZOOKS WOOLEN MILL.
NEW PROVIDENCE. PROVIDENCE TP. LANCASTER CO.
"CUSTOM WORK A SPECIALITY."
RESIDENCE AND GREEN HOUSE OF GEORGE HENSEL.
ORANGE ST. LANCASTER PA.
RESIDENCE & STORE OF R. GIRVIN.
PARADISE PA.

FLOURING MILL OF THOS. BAUMGARDNER ESQ. PEQUEA TP. LANCASTER COUNTY PENN.
KEYSTONE HOTEL, NEFFSVILLE, LANCASTER CO. WILSON BAUBAKER, PROPRIETOR.
STORE
RES. OF R.W. BARD, LINCOLN, LANCASTER CO. PA.
SPRING DALE FARM, RES. OF ERASTUS REYNOLDS.
DRUMORE TP. LANCASTER CO. PENN.
RES. & MILL "KEYSTONE MILL" OF ISAAC L BEAR.
EARL TP. LANCASTER CO. PENN.

FARM PROPERTY OF J. HOFFMAN HERSHEY
W. HEMPFIELD TP. LANCASTER CO. PA.
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W. HEMPFIELD TP. LANCASTER CO. PA.
RES. OF J. HOFFMAN HER

Traditional barber-shop requisites

Milton S. Hershey does not appear to be directly related to J. Hoffman Hershey of Lancaster, despite sharing the Hershey surname and Pennsylvania roots. Milton was born in Derry Township, Dauphin County, to Henry Hershey and Veronica Snavely, part of a Mennonite family of Swiss-German descent.

Some old fascinating architecture that has been repurposed

Probably the world's most forgettable meal…"Deep Fried Sprouts in House Sauce"

A success story ...victory, after a struggle for survival

Little House and Garden in Downtown Lancaster, PA

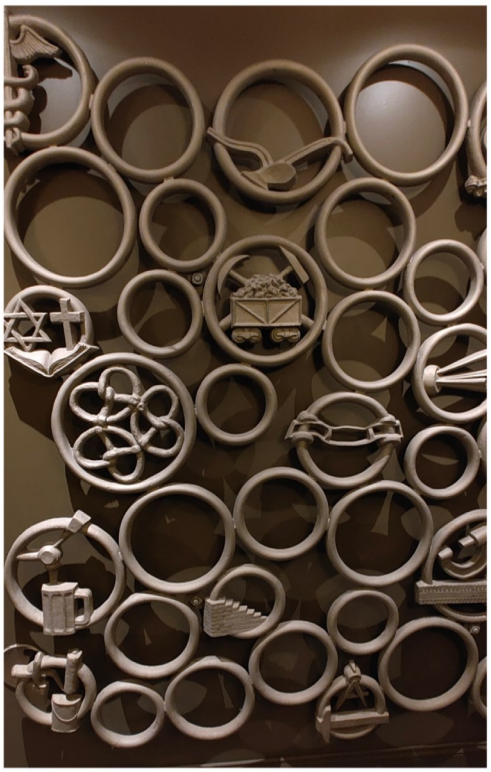
Lisa who took the trouble to show us round Lancaster for ages showing us places we never would have found by ourselves...and her delightful Air B&B above

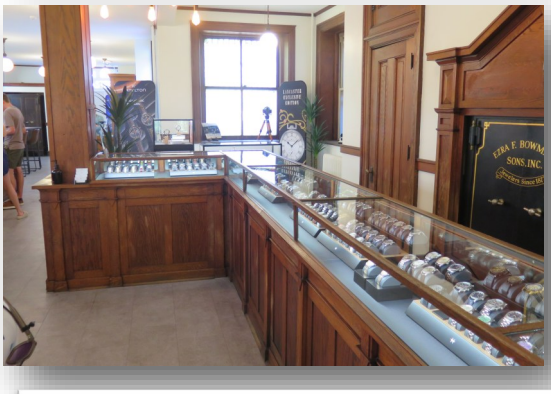
One summer day in 1872, a young man entered this building to learn the art of candy making. For four years the eager young student served as an apprentice to Mr. Joseph Royer, who operated a popular establishment here known as "Royer's Confectionery and Ice Cream Garden."

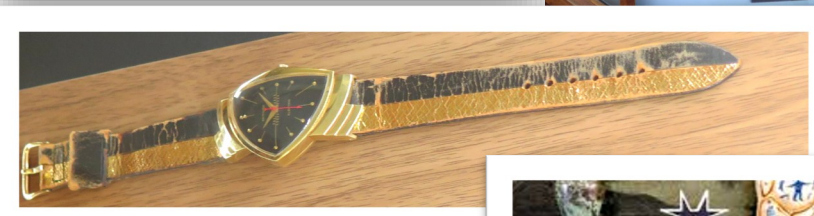
This apprentice, who would later say, "Mr. Royer taught me how to make candy, and he taught me good," went on to become one of the greatest businessmen and philanthropists of the 20th century. His name was... Milton S. Hershey.

The Hershey Bar. A chocolate USA icon. Rick's Deli is now on the site where Milton Hershey learned his trade

Travelling light, with just our two 'canaries' (our small 'carry on' bright canary yellow suitcases) means we usually have to make use of the local launderettes...and it is always a hoot







Hamilton Watch information

- **Founded in 1892** in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Hamilton emerged from the remnants of several earlier watch companies.
- It quickly earned fame for its **railroad-grade pocket watches**, solving timing issues that plagued early American railroads. Its slogan: *"The Watch of Railroad Accuracy."*
  Military Precision (1917–1940s)
- During **World War I**, Hamilton shifted from pocket watches to wristwatches, supplying reliable timepieces to U.S. troops. In **World War II**, Hamilton ceased consumer production to focus entirely on military supply, earning five Army-Navy 'E' Awards for excellence
- In **October 2024**, Hamilton opened its **first-ever U.S. retail store** at the corner of Duke and Chestnut Streets in downtown Lancaster.
- This marks a **nostalgic return** to the city where the brand was founded in 1892 and operated until 1969, when manufacturing moved to Switzerland.
- Hamilton's CEO described the move as driven by **"Legacy, Legacy, Legacy"** rather than retail strategy. Lancaster isn't a major shopping hub, but it's rich in history and community ties.
- Many locals have family connections to the original Hamilton Watch Company, which once occupied a 13-acre complex in the city.
- It is now part of the Swatch Watches empire

Two well known faces connected with Hamilton Watches

TIME FOR CHANGE
In 1957, Hamilton transformed the watch industry with the world's first electric watch, the iconic, triangular-shaped Ventura. Our commitment to innovation continued with the announcement of the Pulsar, the world's first digital watch, in 1970.